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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN,  
Director of Central Intelligence,  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Reference is made to your letter of January 5 in which you asked that the Department of the Interior designate a Department representative in connection with NIS. In response, Dan Wheeler was designated and has since conferred with [REDACTED] of your office, who, in turn, requested that he confer further with Dr. John B. Appleton of the Department of State.

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This is to confirm acceptance by the Department of the Interior of your delegation to it of the responsibility, with the Department of State, of preparing certain sections of Chapter 6, "Economics" of these NIS.

I have appointed a committee in the Department of the Interior consisting of the Directors of the bureaus which will be engaged in our portion of these studies. I have designated to work with that committee, and as the Department's liaison representative with your office and the Department of State, Mr. Joseph S. McGrath, Chief, Foreign Minerals Branch, Bureau of Mines. Mr. McGrath will succeed to the duties relating to this project heretofore carried on by Mr. Wheeler who has returned to his previous assignments. [REDACTED] and others of your staff may in the future communicate with Mr. McGrath, who may be reached in room 2759, Interior Building, and on tie line 181, extension 3576.

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For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written today to Dr. Appleton.

Sincerely yours,

*Guarard Davidson*  
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure 43.

*3/June 48 Discussion with McGrath re. augmentation  
required. He will correlate est. funds required  
by veterans and submit to DGI*